

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

***Department of  
Agricultural Commissioner/  
Weights and Measures***

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November 3, 2003

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**TWO (2) YEAR (FISCAL YEARS 2003/2004, 2004/2005, AND 2005/2006)  
COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION (CALTRANS) TO PROVIDE PEST AND INVASIVE  
WEED CONTROL ON CALTRANS PROPERTY - ALL DISTRICTS  
(3-VOTES)**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Approve the attached Cooperative Agreement with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for pest and invasive weed control services on freeways and other Caltrans property within and adjacent to the County in the amount of \$800,000, for work performed beginning November 1, 2003 through October 31, 2005.
2. Instruct the Chair to sign.

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3. Authorize the Agricultural Commissioner/Director of Weights and Measures (ACWM), pursuant to County Code Section 6.06.020, to hire an additional two (2) positions as shown below, pending allocation by the Department of Human Resources.
4. Authorize the Director of ACWM to amend the contract in an amount not to exceed 10% of the original contract amount.

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#### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Caltrans has requested the ACWM to provide pest and invasive weed control services on freeways and other Caltrans property within and adjacent to the County.

Since the early 1980's, your Board has approved similar contracts with Caltrans for pest and invasive weed control services.

#### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

This agreement supports the County's Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence and Fiscal Responsibility. Service is enhanced to the Los Angeles County residents by a locally administered program and a seamless melding of other pest and invasive weed control programs. ACWM Pest Management staff provides expertise and equipment to safely and effectively control landscape pests and weeds to enhance the appearance of our highways and freeways and help prevent the spread of invasive weeds.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

Reimbursement for these services will be made to the Department by Caltrans.

This contract is 100% revenue offset. There is no change to the Department's net County cost.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/ LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

It is within the scope of the mission of this Department to help prevent the establishment and reduce the spread of harmful and invasive weeds, insect and vertebrate pests.

The terms of the Cooperative Agreement shall be for the period commencing November 1, 2003 through October 31, 2005.

The Cooperative Agreement has been approved as to form by County Counsel.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

It is anticipated that pest and invasive weed control services will be performed by  
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County employees only. In the event that specialized equipment is needed, the Department will meet the specific equipment requirements through competitive bid solicitation (low bidder) of private contractors.

#### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The Cooperative Agreement provides funds for two additional ordinances positions (one Agricultural Chemical Sprayer and one Sr. Typist Clerk). These positions are 100% revenue offset. Appointments to be made following allocation by the Department of Human Resources.

#### **CONCLUSION**

Approval of the recommended action would allow the Department to continue the long standing contractual and mutually beneficial relationship with Caltrans.

Request that the four (4) copies of the Cooperative Agreement submitted to your Board for signature be returned to the Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures Department.

Respectfully submitted,

CATO R. FIKSDAL  
Agricultural Commissioner/  
Director of Weights and Measures

CRF:RGA:RBS:JMH:rms

Attachments

c: Chief Administrative Officer  
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors  
Auditor-Controller  
County Counsel